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Emmanuel's Full Gospel Church

Reliance vicinity

c. 1890

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-763

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Cokesbury Methodist Church

other Emmanuel's Full Gospel Church

2. Location

street and number 5926 Cokesbury Road not for publication

city, town Galestown x vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Trustees of Emmanuel's Full Gospel Church Attn: Diane Alexander

street and number 5926 Cokesbury Road telephone

city, town Seaford state DE zip code 19973

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber Unknown folio

city, town Cambridge tax map 25 tax parcel 44 tax number 01-010220

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Cokesbury Methodist Church, currently known as Emmanuel's Full Gospel Church, is located at 5926 Cokesbury Road in the Fork election district south of the crossroads community of Reliance in Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story one-bay by two-bay frame church, housing a historic African-American congregation, is the second structure to stand on this site south of the white-sponsored Cokesbury Methodist Church located a few hundred yards to the north. The church faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built around 1890, the single-story weatherboard frame church is supported on a covered over brick foundation and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a slightly shorter, one-bay by one-bay apse.

The southeast (main) elevation is a single-bay façade with a center entrance fitted with replacement double doors. The doorway retains a blind, pointed arch transom infilled with narrow tongue-and-groove beaded boards applied vertically. Piercing the gable end is a diamond shaped window. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave, enclosed soffit with returns at the base of the roof.

The southwest side elevation is two bays across and each bay is marked by a two-over-two pointed arch window filled an opaque figured glass. The pointed arch lintel has a slight crown molding. The northeast side elevation is similarly finished with the pair of pointed arch windows to either side of a former exterior brick stove chimney; patches in the siding and roof clearly indicate its previous location.

The northwest rear wall of the main body of the church is largely covered by the single bay by single bay wing, which has a separate four-panel door entry on the north wall. The partially glazed four-panel door is flanked by an adjacent pointed arch two-over-two sash window fitted with opaque, figured glass panes. The southwest wall is marked by a single pointed arch two-over-two sash window as well. The rear wall was originally blind, however a later colored glass window of octagonal shape has been installed in the center of the wall. The gable end is finished flush with a plain bargeboard. The foundation of the wing has been replaced with concrete blocks.

The interior was not open for inspection.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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¹ John L. Graham, *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee: Salisbury, Maryland, p. 66.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1/2 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1/2 acre
Quadrangle name Sharptown, MD-DEL

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this surveyed property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	3/18/2008
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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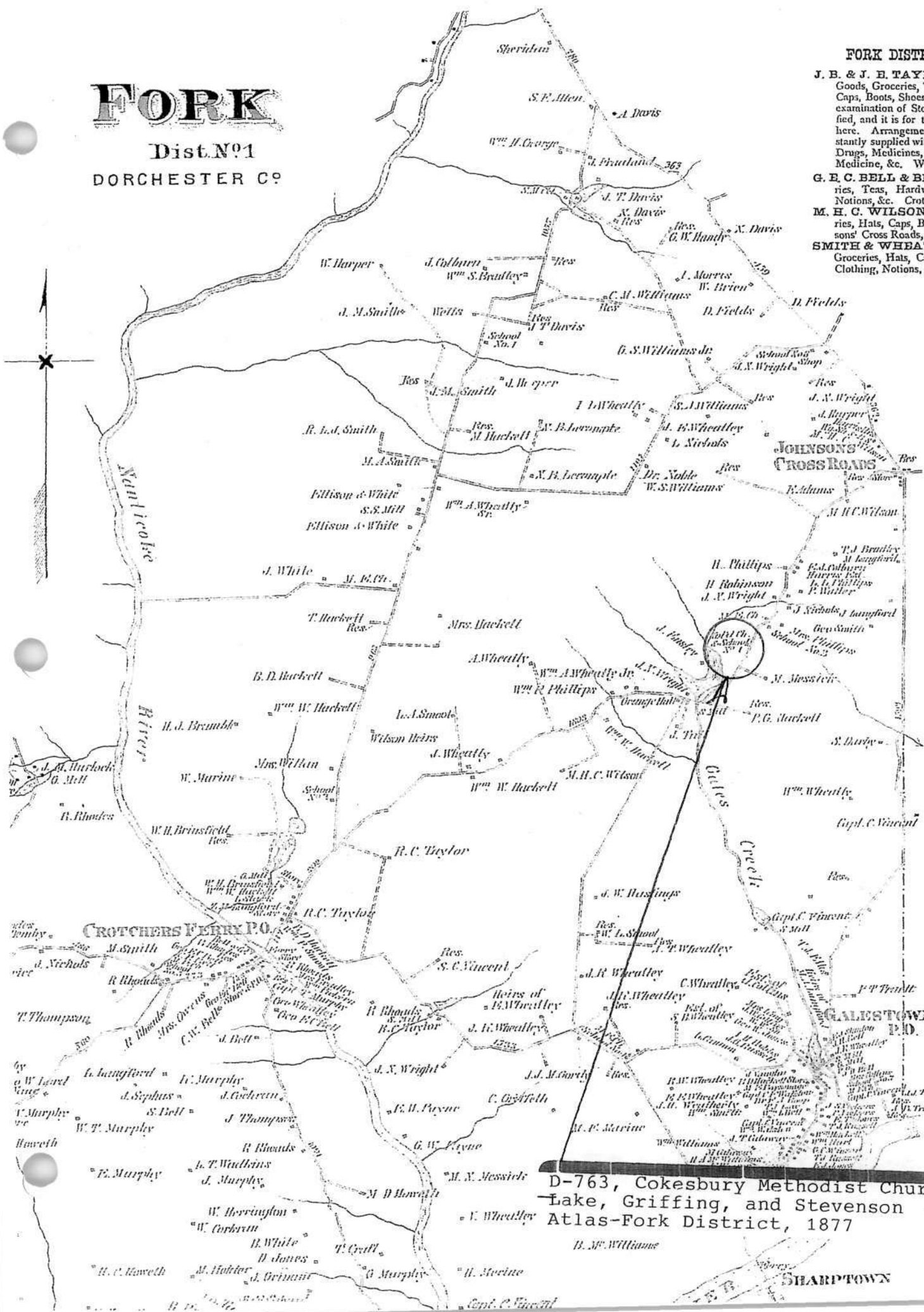
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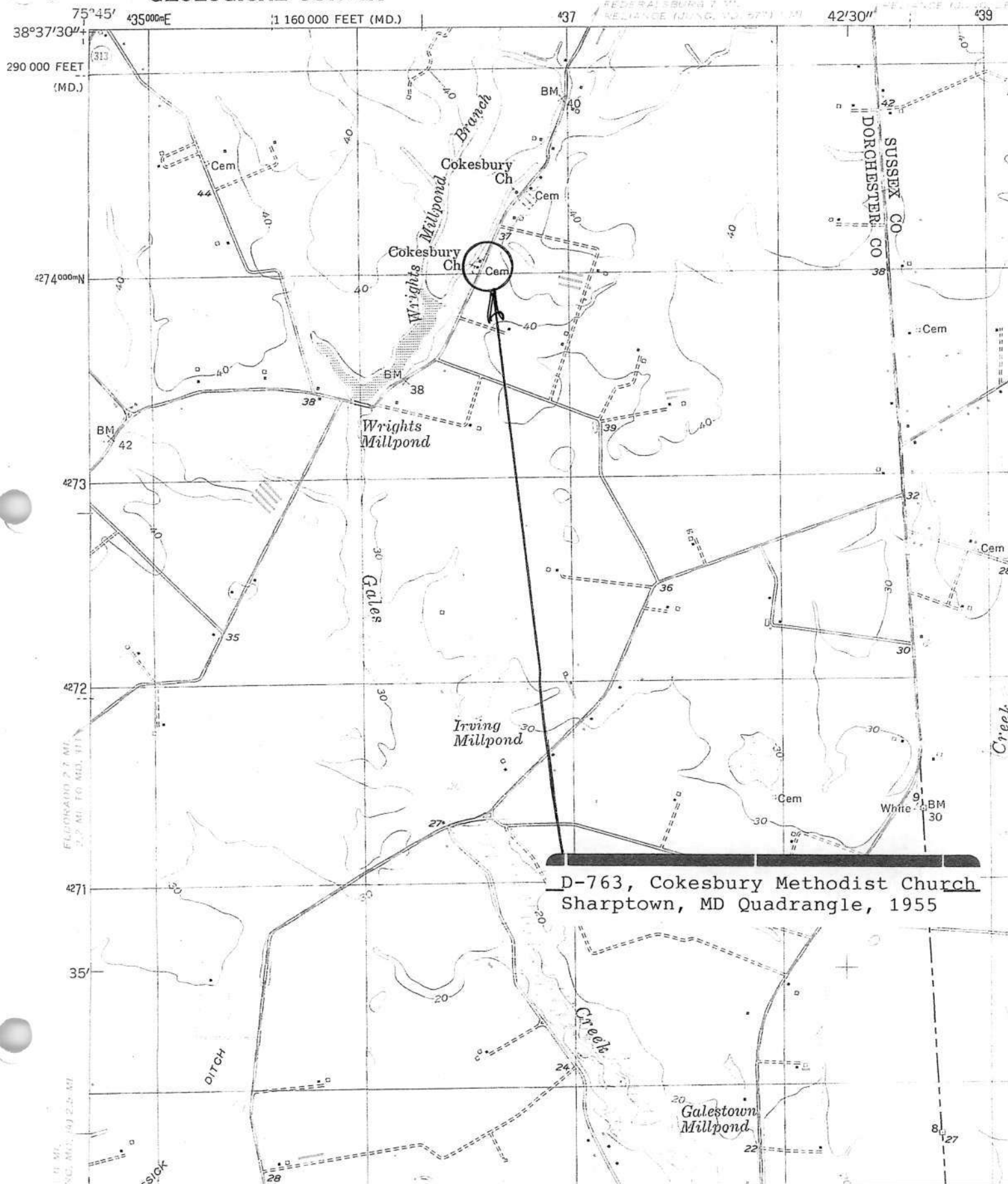
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D-763, Cokesbury Methodist Church
Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
Atlas-Fork District, 1877

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D-763, Cokesbury Methodist Church
Sharptown, MD Quadrangle, 1955



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